

Remarks/Arguments:

In response to the office action dated 08/09/2005 Applicants have amended their claims as hereinabove shown and request reconsideration and early allowance for the following reasons.

1. Rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 1-3, 5,7-9, 11-14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by United States patent # 4,087,595 to R.P. Mallery & Co, Inc. hereinafter Mallery.

Of the above claims, claims 1, 7 and 8 are independent, while the remaining depend therefrom either directly or indirectly.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7 by introducing into such claims the limitations of claims 6 which was indicated as allowable, and cancelled claims 3 and 6 which became duplicative. Claims 1 and 7 should, therefore be allowable as amended. Claims 2, and 5 should also be allowable as dependent claims.

Claim 8 is not believed anticipated by Mallery because Mallery does not show a coin cell wherein the insulating wafers are on the cell conductive surfaces as claimed. To the extent that Mallery shows "insulating wafers" such wafers are shown over but not on the cell surfaces. The Mallery wafers are part of the casing containing the cells, while claim 8 claims a cell with insulating wafers on its conductive surfaces.

For the above reason, claim 8 is not anticipated by the Mallery reference. Claims 9 and 11-14 are all dependent directly or indirectly from claim 8 and should also be allowed.

2. Rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by United States patent publication US 2004/0038585 hereinafter Sugimoto et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of Applicant's amendments to claims 1 and 7, the only independent claims in question.

Sugimoto does not disclose a structure wherein there are two openings in two insulating wafers over and under an inserted cell for electrical contacts to reach a top and a bottom conductive surface of the cell inserted between the wafers. If Sugimoto's case 10 and 11 in figure 1 is the equivalent of the wafers, opening 80 only allows contact with a printed circuit board placed over the cell. The cell contacts are contacts 50 which are on the side of the cell not on the top and bottom as claimed.

Therefore Sugimoto does not anticipate amended claims 1 and 7. Claims 2 and 5 being dependent claims are also not anticipated.

3. Conclusion.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7 to incorporate the limitations of claim 6. Because claim 6 was indicated as allowable if written in independent format, applicants believe that claims 1-7 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 8-17 are also believed allowable because they are not anticipated by either Mallery or Sugimoto for the reasons given above. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment and applicants respectfully solicit entry of the amended claims and allowance of all claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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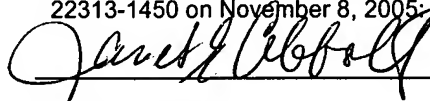
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